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MODULES THAT HAVE A WEAK SUPPLEMENT IN EVERY EXTENSION

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Abstract. We say that over an arbitrary ring a module M has the property (WE) (respectively, (WEE)) if M has a weak supplement (respectively, ample weak supplements) in every extension. In this paper, we provide various properties of modules with these properties. We show that a module M has the property (WEE) iff every submodule of M has the property (WE). A ring R is left perfect iff every left R-module has the property (WEE). A ring R is semilocal iff every left R-module has a weak supplement in every extension with small radical. We also study modules that have a weak supplement(respectively, ample weak supplements) in every coatomic extension, namely the property (WE^*)(respectively, (WEE^*)).

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1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper, R is an associative ring with identity and all modules are unital left R-modules, unless otherwise stated. Let M be an R-module. The notation $U \le M$ means that U is a submodule of M. A submodule U of M is called *small* in M, denoted as $U \ll M$, if $M \ne U + L$ for every proper submodule L of M. By Rad(M) we denote the intersection of all maximal submodules of M, equivalently the sum of all small submodules of M (see [14]). A module M is called *radical* if M has no maximal submodules, that is, M = Rad(M).

As a proper generalization of direct summands of a module, the notion of supplement submodules is defined. For U, V submodules of a module M, V is called a *supplement* of U in M if it is minimal with respect to M = U + V, equivalently M = U + V and $U \cap V \ll V$. Then, it is natural to introduce a generalization of supplement submodules by [14, Section 19.3.(2)]. A submodule V of M is called a *weak supplement* of U in M if U + V = M and $U \cap V \ll M$. A module M is called *weakly supplemented* if every submodule of M has a weak supplement in M (see [9], [14] and [17]). A submodule U of M has *ample (weak) supplements* in M

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if, whenever M = U + L, L contains a (weak) supplement of U in M. Under given definitions, we clearly have the following implication on submodules:

direct summand \implies supplement \implies weak supplement

Let R be a ring and M be an R-module. An R-module N is called an *extension* of M provided $M \subseteq N$. A module M is said to be *injective* if it is a direct summand in its every extension N.

Modules that have a supplement (resp. ample supplements) in every extension, i.e. modules with *the property* (E) (resp. (EE)), was first introduced by H. Zöschinger in [16], as a generalization of injective modules. The author determined in the same paper the structure of modules with these properties.

Adapting his concepts, we introduce the properties (WE) and (WEE) as a generalization of the properties (E) and (EE) in Section 2. We call a module that has *the property* (WE) (resp. (WEE)) if it has a weak supplement (resp. ample weak supplements) in every extension. Moreover in this section, we show that a module M has the property (WEE) if and only if every submodule of M has the property (WE). This gives us that every submodule of a module with the property (WEE) is weakly supplemented. We prove that the property (WE) is inherited by direct summands. In Corollary 2, we obtain that if a ring R is left hereditary, then every factor module of an R-module with the property (WE) has the property (WE). Thanks to Lemma 3.3 of Zöschinger's paper [16], we directly say that over a complete local dedekind domain R, an R-module M has the property (WE) if and only if M has the property (E). We also give new characterizations of left perfect rings via the modules with the properties (WE) and (WEE).

Let R be a ring and M be an R-module. R. Alizade et al. [1] say a submodule U of M cofinite in M if the factor module $\frac{M}{U}$ is finitely generated. In [5], H. Çalışıcı and E. Türkmen called an extension N of M cofinite extension if M is cofinite in N. Following [5], the authors studied modules that have a supplement (resp. ample supplements) in every cofinite extension, namely the property (CE)(resp. (CEE)), as a generalization of the property (E) (resp. (EE)). In addition, they showed in [5, Theorem 2.12] that a ring R is semiperfect if and only if every left R-module has the property (CE).

In [15], a module M is said to be *coatomic* if $Rad(\frac{M}{K}) = \frac{M}{K}$ implies that K = M for some submodule K of M, that is, every radical factor module of M is zero. M is coatomic if and only if every proper submodule of M is contained in a maximal submodule of M. Note that semisimple modules are coatomic.

Let R be a ring and M, N be R-modules. N is called a *coatomic extension* of M in case $M \subseteq N$ and $\frac{N}{M}$ is coatomic. In [11], B. N. Türkmen studied on modules that have a supplement (resp. ample supplements) in every coatomic extension and termed these modules E^* -modules (resp. EE^* -modules). Since finitely generated modules are coatomic, E^* -modules (resp. EE^* -modules) have the property (CE) (resp. (CEE)).

In Section 3, we also call a module that has *the property* (WE^*) (resp. (WEE^*)) if it has a weak supplement (resp. ample weak supplements) in every coatomic extension. We prove that over a left V-ring R, every left R-module with (WE^*) is injective. In addition, we give also a characterization of semilocal rings via the modules that have a weak supplement in every extension with small radical. Finally, we give an example of modules that have a weak supplement in every extension with small radical but not have the property (CEE).

2. MODULES WITH THE PROPERTIES (WE) AND (WEE)

It is shown in [16, Lemma 1.3.(a)] that direct summands of modules with the property (E) have the property (E). Now we give an analogue of this fact for the modules with the property (WE).

Proposition 1. Let M be a module. If M has the property (WE), then every direct summand of M has the property (WE).

Proof. Let M_1 be a direct summand of M. Then there exists a submodule M_2 of M such that $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$. Let N be any extension of M_1 . Let N' be the external direct sum $N \oplus M_2$ and $\vartheta : M \to N'$ be the canonical embedding. Then $M \cong \vartheta(M)$ has the property (*WE*). Hence, there exists a submodule V of N' such that $N' = \vartheta(M) + V$ and $\vartheta(M) \cap V \ll N'$. By the projection $\pi : N' \to N$, we have that $M_1 + \pi(V) = N$. Also since $Ker(\pi) \subseteq \vartheta(M), \pi(\vartheta(M) \cap V) = \pi(\vartheta(M)) \cap \pi(V) = M_1 \cap \pi(V) \ll N$. Hence $\pi(V)$ is a weak supplement of M_1 in N.

Proposition 2. A module M has the property (WEE) if and only if every submodule of M has the property (WE).

Proof. Suppose that every submodule of M has the property (WE). For any extension N of M, let N = M + K for some submodule K of N. Since $M \cap K$ has the property (WE), there exists a submodule L of K such that ($M \cap K$) + L = K and ($M \cap K$) $\cap L = M \cap L \ll K$. Note that $N = M + K = M + ((M \cap K) + L)) = M + L$. It follows that L is a weak supplement of M in N.

Conversely, let M be a module with the property (WEE) and M_1 be any submodule of M. For any extension N of M_1 , let $F = \frac{M \oplus N}{H}$, where the submodule H is the set of all elements (m', -m') of $M \oplus N$ with $m' \in M_1$ and let $\gamma : M \to F$ via $\gamma(m) = (m, 0) + H$, $\psi : N \to F$ via $\psi(n) = (0, n) + H$ for all $m \in M, n \in N$. For inclusion homomorphisms $\iota_1 : M_1 \to N$ and $\iota_2 : M_1 \to M$, we can draw the following pushout:



It is clear that $F = Im(\gamma) + Im(\psi)$. Since γ is monomorphism, by assumption, $Im(\gamma)$ has the property (*WEE*). It means that $Im(\gamma)$ has a weak supplement V in F such that $V \leq Im(\psi)$, i.e. $F = Im(\gamma) + V$ and $Im(\gamma) \cap V \ll F$. Then we obtain that $N = \psi^{-1}(Im(\gamma)) + \psi^{-1}(V) = M_1 + \psi^{-1}(V)$ and $M_1 \cap \psi^{-1}(V) \ll N$. Hence $\psi^{-1}(V)$ is a weak supplement of M_1 in N.

Corollary 1. Every submodule of a module with the property (WEE) is weakly supplemented.

Lemma 1. Every simple submodule S of a module M is either a direct summand of M or small in M.

Proof. Suppose that S is not small in M, then there exists a proper submodule K of M such that S + K = M. Since S is simple and $K \neq M$, $S \cap K = 0$. Thus $M = S \oplus K$.

Let R be a ring and M be an R-module. M is called *local* if the sum of all proper submodules of M is a proper submodule of M. R is called a *local ring* if $_RR$ (or R_R) is a local module.

Proposition 3. Local modules have the property (WE).

Proof. Let S be a module and N be any extension of S. If S is small in N, N is a weak supplement of S in N. Suppose that S is not small in N. Then there is a proper submodule S' of N such that S + S' = N. From Lemma 1, if S is simple, S' is a direct summand of N. If S is local, $S \cap S'$ is small in S. In both cases, S' is a weak supplement of S in N.

Let *M* be a module and *U* be a submodule of *M*. If the factor module $\frac{M}{U}$ has the property (*WE*), *M* does not need to have the property (*WE*). For example, for the ring $R = \mathbb{Z}$, the *R*-module $M = \frac{2\mathbb{Z}}{6\mathbb{Z}}$ has a weak supplement in every extension because it is simple. But $2\mathbb{Z}$ does not have a weak supplement in its extension \mathbb{Z} . Now we show that the statement mentioned above is true under a special condition.

Proposition 4. Let M be a module and U be a submodule of M. If $U \ll M$ and the factor module $\frac{M}{U}$ has the property (WE), M has the property (WE).

Proof. Let *N* be any extension of *M*. Since $\frac{M}{U}$ has the property (*WE*), there exists a submodule $\frac{V}{U}$ of $\frac{N}{U}$ such that $\frac{M}{U} + \frac{V}{U} = \frac{N}{U}$ and $\frac{M \cap V}{U} \ll \frac{N}{U}$. Note that M + V = N. Suppose that $M \cap V + S = N$ for a submodule *S* of *N*. Then we obtain $\frac{M \cap V}{U} + \frac{S+U}{U} = \frac{N}{U}$. Since $\frac{M \cap V}{U} \ll \frac{N}{U}$, we have that $\frac{S+U}{U} = \frac{N}{U}$. By hypothesis, it follows that N = S + U = S. Hence $M \cap V \ll N$.

For a module M, we will denote by Soc(M) the sum of all simple submodules of M. Note that Soc(M) is the largest semisimple submodule of M.

Remark 1. Let *M* be a finitely generated semisimple module. Then *M* is artinian. Since artinian modules have the property (*E*), it has the property (*WE*). Note that here the condition "finitely generated" is necessary. For example, consider the left \mathbb{Z} -module $M = \prod_{p \in \Omega} \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p\mathbb{Z}}$, where Ω is the set of all prime numbers. Then, the semisimple module $Soc(M) = \bigoplus_{p \in \Omega} \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p\mathbb{Z}}$. By [3, Lemma 2.9], there exists a submodule *N* of *M* such that $\frac{N}{Soc(M)} \cong \mathbb{Q}$. If Soc(M) has a weak supplement *K* in *N*, we have $N = Soc(M) \oplus K$ since Rad(M) = 0. Therefore, *K* is injective and so $K = Rad(K) \subseteq Rad(M) = 0$, a contradiction.

In [7] a ring R is said to be a *left V-ring* if every simple left R-module is injective. It is well known that a ring R is a left V-ring if and only if Rad(M) = 0 for every left R-module M. A ring R is called *left hereditary* if every left ideal of R is projective. R is a left hereditary ring if and only if every factor module of an injective left R-module is injective [14, Section 39.16].

The next example shows that every factor module of a module with the property (WE) does not need to have the property (WE). Firstly we need the following lemma.

Lemma 2. Let R be a left V-ring. An R-module M has the property (WE) if and only if M is injective.

Proof. Let *M* has the property (*WE*) and *N* be any extension of *M*. Then *M* has a weak supplement *V* in *N*. We have M + V = N, $M \cap V \ll N$. Hence $M \cap V \leq Rad(N)$. Since Rad(N) = 0, we have $N = M \oplus V$.

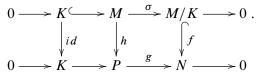
Conversely, let M be injective and N be any extension of M. Then there exists a submodule K of N such that $N = M \oplus K$. Hence K is a weak supplement of M in N.

Example 1. Let *R* be the product of the family $\{F_i\}_{i \in I}$, where each F_i is a field for an infinite index set *I*. The ring *R* is a commutative Von Neumann regular but not hereditary [10, Example 2.15]. Then by [14, Section 23.5], *R* is a left *V*-ring. *R* is injective from [8, Corollary, 3.11.B]. By Lemma 2, the left *R*-module $_R R$ has the property (*WE*). Since *R* is not hereditary, there is at least one factor module of *R* which is not injective. This factor module does not have the property (*WE*) by using Lemma 2.

Next we prove that under proper conditions a factor module of a module with the property (WE) has the property (WE).

Proposition 5. Let $K \subseteq M \subseteq L$ be modules with $\frac{L}{K}$ injective. If M has the property (WE), then $\frac{M}{K}$ has the property (WE).

Proof. Let N be any extension of $\frac{M}{K}$. Since $\frac{L}{K}$ is injective, by [10, Lemma 2.16] we have the following commutative diagram with exact rows:



Since *h* is monomorphism and *M* has the property (WE), $M \cong Im(h)$ has a weak supplement *V* in *P*, that is, Im(h) + V = P and $Im(h) \cap V \ll P$. We claim that g(V) is a weak supplement of $\frac{M}{K}$ in *N*.

$$N = g(P) = g(h(M)) + g(V) = (f\sigma)(M) + g(V) = \frac{M}{K} + g(V) \text{ and}$$
$$\frac{M}{K} \cap g(V) = f(\sigma(M)) \cap g(V) = g[h(M) \cap V] \ll g(P). \text{ Hence } \frac{M}{K} \cap g(V) \ll N.$$

Corollary 2. If R is a left hereditary ring and M is an R-module with the property (WE), then every factor module of M has the property (WE).

If a module M has a supplement in its injective envelope, M need not to have a weak supplement in every extension. For example, for the ring $R = \mathbb{Z}$, the R-module $M = 2\mathbb{Z}$ has a supplement in its injective envelope \mathbb{Q} . But $M = 2\mathbb{Z}$ does not have a weak supplement in its extension \mathbb{Z} . Now we prove that over a local dedekind domain, a module M has a supplement in its injective envelope if and only if M has a weak supplement in every extension.

Lemma 3. Let R be a local dedekind domain and M be an R-module. The following statements are equivalent:

- (1) *M* has a supplement in its injective envelope.
- (2) *M* has the property (WE).
- (3) *M* is an E^* -module.

Proof. It is clear by [16, Lemma 3.3].

Proposition 6. Let R be a complete local dedekind domain and M be an R-module. M has the property (WE) if and only if M has the property (E).

Proof. Let M has the property (WE) and N be any extension of M. Since M has the property (WE), there exists a submodule X of N such that M + X = N, $M \cap X \ll N$. By [16, Section 3, Corollary 5], there exists a supplement V of M in N with $V \subset X$. Hence M has the property (E).

Proposition 7. Let R be a non-local dedekind domain and M be a semisimple R-module. Then, the following three statements are equivalent:

- (1) M has the property (WE).
- (2) M has the property (E).
- (3) *M* is of the form $K \oplus \prod_p A_p$, where *K* is injective and A_p is a bounded *p*-primary module for every prime element $p \in R$.

Proof. (1) \iff (2) It follows from [12, Proposition 2.1]. (2) \iff (3) By [16, Theorem 5.6].

It is known from [14, Section 43.9] that a ring R is left perfect if and only if every left R-module has the property (E). The next theorem gives new characterizations of left perfect rings via their modules which have the property (WE).

Theorem 1. For a ring R the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) *R* is left perfect.
- (2) Every left R-module is weakly supplemented.
- (3) Every left R-module has the property (WE).
- (4) $R^{(\mathbb{N})}$ is weakly supplemented.
- (5) $R^{(\mathbb{N})}$ has the property (WEE).
- (6) Every left R-module has the property (WEE).

Proof. (1) \Leftrightarrow (2) \Leftrightarrow (4) is clear from [4, Theorem 1]. (3) \Rightarrow (6) and (5) \Rightarrow (4) follow from Proposition 2. (1) \Rightarrow (3) follows from [14, Section 43.9]. (6) \Rightarrow (5) is clear.

The following definitions are given in the paper [6], and we recall them for the convenience of the reader:

By a *valuation ring* (also called a *chain ring*) we mean a commutative ring R whose ideals are totally ordered by inclusion. Equivalently, if $a, b \in R$, then either $a \in Rb$ or $b \in Ra$. A valuation ring that is a domain will be called a *valuation domain*. A valuation ring R is called *maximal* if $_RR$ is *linearly compact*, i.e., every family of cosets $\{a_i + L_i | i \in I\}$ with the finite intersection property has a non-empty intersection. Since linearly compact modules have ample supplements in every extension, a maximal ring R has the property (*WEE*).

The following example shows that a ring with the property (WEE) need not be left perfect, in general.

Example 2. Let *R* be the localization ring $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ of the ring \mathbb{Z} of integers at a prime ideal $p\mathbb{Z} \neq 0$. Then, the completion of $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$, the ring $J_{(p)}$ of *p*-adic integers, is a maximal valuation domain which is not field. Hence, $J_{(p)}$ has the property (*WEE*) but not perfect.

3. Modules with the properties (WE^*) and (WEE^*)

In this section, we study on modules with the property (WE^*) (resp. (WEE^*)), which have a weak supplement (resp. ample weak supplements) in every coatomic extension, as a generalization of modules with the property (WE) (resp. (WEE)). We prove that over a left V-ring R, every left R-module with the property (WE^*) is injective.

Proposition 8. Let M be a module. If M has the property (WE^*), then every direct summand of M has the property (WE^*).

Proof. Let M_1 be a direct summand of M and N be a coatomic extension of M_1 . Then there exists a submodule M_2 of M such that $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$. Let N' be the external direct sum $N \oplus M_2$ and $\varphi : M \longrightarrow N'$ be the canonical embedding. Then $M \cong \varphi(M)$ has the property (WE^*) . Note that $\frac{N}{M_1} \cong \frac{N \oplus M_2}{\varphi(M)} = \frac{N'}{\varphi(M)}$ is coatomic. Since $\varphi(M)$ has the property (WE^*) , there exists a submodule V of N' such that $N' = \varphi(M) + V$ and $\varphi(M) \cap V \ll N'$. For the projection $\phi : N' \longrightarrow N$, we have that $M_1 + \phi(V) = N$. Also since $Ker(\phi) \subseteq \varphi(M), \phi(\varphi(M) \cap V) \subseteq \phi(\varphi(M)) \cap \phi(V) = M_1 \cap \phi(V) \ll \phi(N') = N$. Hence $\phi(V)$ is a weak supplement of M_1 in N.

Proposition 9. A module M has the property (WEE^{*}) if and only if every submodule of M has the property (WE^{*}).

Proof. Assume that every submodule of M has the property (WE^*) . For a coatomic extension N of M, let N = M + V for some submodule V of N. Then $\frac{N}{M} \cong \frac{V}{M \cap V}$ is coatomic and so V is a coatomic extension of $M \cap V$. Since $M \cap V$ has the property (WE^*) , there exists a submodule K of V such that $V = M \cap V + K$ and $M \cap K \ll V$. Note that $N = M + V = M + (M \cap V + K) = M + K$. It follows that K is a weak supplement of M in N.

Conversely, let M be a module with the property (WEE^*) and let M_1 be any submodule of M. For a coatomic extension N of M_1 , let $S = \frac{M \oplus N}{L}$, where the submodule L is the set of all elements (m', -m') of $M \oplus N$ with $m' \in M_1$ and let $f : M \to S$ via f(m) = (m, 0) + L, $g : N \to S$ via g(n) = (0, n) + L for all $m \in M, n \in N$. For the inclusion homomorphisms $\tau_1 : M_1 \to N$ and $\tau_2 : M_1 \to M$, we can draw the following pushout:

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
M_1 & \xrightarrow{\tau_1} & N \\
& & \downarrow \\
& & \downarrow \\
M & \xrightarrow{f} & S
\end{array}$$

It is clear that S = Im(f) + Im(g). Now we define $\theta: S \to \frac{N}{M_1}$ by $\theta((m,n) + L) = n + M_1$ for all $(m,n) + L \in S$. Note that θ is an epimorphism and $Ker(\theta) = Im(f)$. It follows that $\frac{N}{M_1} \cong \frac{S}{Im(f)}$ is coatomic. Since f is monomorphism, by assumption, Im(f) has the property (WEE^*). Then it follows immediately that Im(f) has a weak supplement V in S such that $V \leq Im(g)$, i.e. S = Im(f) + V and $Im(f) \cap V \ll S$. Then we obtain that $N = g^{-1}(Im(f)) + g^{-1}(V) = M_1 + g^{-1}(V)$ and $M_1 \cap g^{-1}(V) \ll N$. Hence $g^{-1}(V)$ is a weak supplement of M_1 in N.

Recall from [2] a module M is called *cofinitely weak supplemented* if every cofinite submodule of M has a weak supplement in M. It is clear from Proposition 9 that if a module M has the property (WEE^*), then every maximal submodule of M has a weak supplement in M, equivalently M is cofinitely weak supplemented by [2, Theorem 2.16].

In [13], a module M is called *weakly radical supplemented (namely wrs-module)* if every submodule U of M with $Rad(M) \subseteq U$ has a weak supplement in M. A module M is called *semilocal* if $\frac{M}{Rad(M)}$ is semisimple. A ring R is semilocal if the left R-module $_RR$ is semilocal.

Corollary 3. Let R be a semilocal ring and M be an R-module. If M has the property (WEE^*), then M is wrs-module.

Proof. Let U be a submodule of M with $Rad(M) \subseteq U$. Since R is semilocal ring, it follows from [9, Theorem 3.5] that $\frac{M}{U}$ is semisimple as a factor module of the semisimple module $\frac{M}{Rad(M)}$. Hence $\frac{M}{U}$ is coatomic. By assumption and Proposition 9, U has a weak supplement in M. Hence M is a wrs-module.

Proposition 10. Over a left V-ring R, every left R-module with (WE^*) is injective.

Proof. Let M be an R-module with (WE^*) . Let N be any extension of M. Suppose that $Rad(\frac{N}{K}) = \frac{N}{K}$ for a submodule K of N. Since R is a left V-ring, $Rad(\frac{N}{K}) = 0$. Then it immediately follows that N = K. Hence N is coatomic. Then, by assumption, M has a weak supplement V in N, i.e. N = M + V and $M \cap V \ll N$. Since R is a left V-ring, we obtain that $M \cap V \subseteq Rad(N) = 0$. This completes the proof.

The next result can be directly obtained from Proposition 10 and Lemma 2.

Corollary 4. Let R be a left V-ring and M be an R-module. The following statements are equivalent:

- (1) M has the property (WE).
- (2) *M* has the property (WE^*) .
- (3) M is injective.

Now we shall give a characterization for semilocal rings via the modules that have a weak supplement in every extension with small radical.

Theorem 2. For any ring R the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) R is semilocal.
- (2) Every left R-module with small radical is weakly supplemented.
- (3) Every left R-module has a weak supplement in every extension with small radical.

Proof. (1) \Leftrightarrow (2) follows from [9, Theorem 3.5].

(2) \Leftrightarrow (3) *M* be a left *R*-module and *N* be an extension of *M* with small radical. By hypothesis, *M* has a weak supplement in *N*. Conversely, let *M* be an *R*-module with small radical and *U* be a submodule of *M*. By assumption, *U* has a weak supplement in *M*. Finally, we give an example of modules that have a weak supplement in every extension with small radical but not have the property (*CEE*).

Example 3. (see [14, Section 42.13, Exercise 4]). Let R be the following subring of the rational numbers:

 $R = \{\frac{m}{n} | m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, (m, n) = 1, 2 \text{ and } 3 \text{ are not divisors of } n \}$

Since $\frac{R}{Rad(R)}$ is semisimple, the left *R*-module $_RR$ is a module which has a weak supplement in every extension with small radical by Theorem 2. Whereas, since *R* is not semiperfect, $_RR$ does not have the property (*CEE*) by [5, Theorem 2.12].

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